

TESTIMONY TO THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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I am Jack Downey, President & CEO of The Children's Shelter, a 103-year old nationally-accredited nonprofit serving our community's abused, neglected and abandoned children.

One of our prime missions is to educate our community about the detrimental affects of child abuse and the long-term consequences such abuse.

KONO radio of Cox Radio has sponsored "KONO KARES FOR KIDS" radiothon for The Children's Shelter for five years. This radiothon provides The Children's Shelter continuous radio time from 6:00am to 7:00pm over a two-day period to raise money and enhance the awareness of our community about child abuse.

Through the radiothon, Cox Radio has raised over \$221,000 for The Children's Shelter by soliciting donations from listeners and community partners. The annual total has risen each year - evidence of the total commitment of Cox Radio to supporting this community. Real-life stories about the children we serve are told by Shelter staff, volunteers, board members, foster parents and adoptive parents to bring home to the listeners the reality of the world the children have experienced - sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect and abandonment.

Cox Radio is a significant community partner of The Children's Shelter and provides San Antonio and the surrounding counties a significant public service by heightening the awareness of child abuse. We are proud to partner with Cox Radio and urge you to commend them.